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HOUSE MEMORIAL 33

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO EDDIE CORLEY, SR., FOR HIS LEADERSHIP
AND MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY, TO MINORITY BUSINESSES
AND TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Eddie Corley, Sr., has shown great leadership on
behalf of minority dealers in the automotive industry and has
advocated for opportunities for other minority dealers; and

WHEREAS, Eddie, Sr., is a twenty-six-year veteran of the
automotive industry and chief executive officer of the Corley
automotive group, which has eight dealerships in New Mexico;
and

WHEREAS, he came from humble beginnings, selling cotton,
and, working hard with his wife, Gladys, he bought his first
service station, then a second and then eventually bought his
first automotive dealership in Grants, New Mexico, in 1982; and

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1 WHEREAS, his eight children worked with him in the family
2 businesses as they grew up; and

3 WHEREAS, Eddie Corley, Sr., was awarded the auto dealer of
4 the year award in 2007 by *Black Enterprise Magazine*, and it
5 named him number twenty-three on its 2007 list of one hundred
6 top African Americans in the automotive business sector; and

7 WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards for market share
8 and customer excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, he finished in the top ten for the national
10 automobile dealer's association dealer of the year award for Ed
11 Corley Nissan and was named businessman of the year in Grants;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Eddie, Sr., is nationally recognized as a two-
14 term member of the board of the Ford motor minority dealer's
15 association and has been a member of that organization since
16 1982; and

17 WHEREAS, he has built lifelong relationships with
18 customers by providing quality, value, convenience and courtesy
19 together with extensive knowledge of and experience in the New
20 Mexico marketplace; and

21 WHEREAS, he understands what is needed to gain the
22 confidence and support of existing and potential customers; and

23 WHEREAS, Eddie, Sr., has been an active member of his
24 community, supporting many activities at local schools,
25 including little league baseball and football teams and *Walk of*

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1 *Life*; and

2 WHEREAS, Eddie, Sr., attributes the success of the Corley
3 automotive group to strong family values and high standards and
4 wants others to know that "we try to be true to the communities
5 and the people we serve";

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be
8 extended to Eddie Corley, Sr., for his leadership, unyielding
9 service and many contributions to his community, to minority
10 businesses and to New Mexico; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 transmitted to Eddie Corley, Sr.